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Gideon Welles House
Glastonbury, Connecticut

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA
District of Connecticut

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GIDEON WELLES HOUSE

GLASTONBURY, HARTFORD COUNTY, CONN.

Owner: Mr. Ernest Llewellyn, Glastonbury

Date of Erection: 1780

Builder: Samuel Welles

Present Condition: Removed from original site to rear of
lot and in 1936 was restored and remodeled.

Number of Stories: Two and one-half

Materials of Construction: Frame-clapboard exterior walls
Shingled roof
Brick chimneysOther Existing Records: "Old Houses of Connecticut" in the
Colonial Dames Series.

List of Photographs:

1. East Elevation
2. Southwest Elevation
3. Detail of Stairs
4. North Wall of South Room-Second Floor
5. South Wall of North Room-Second Floor

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The Welles House was built by Samuel Welles in 1780 and is the birthplace of Gideon Welles (1802-1878) who became Secretary of the Navy in President Lincoln's cabinet.

Mr. Welles served with great distinction during his term of office, thus bringing a great deal of credit to his home State, Connecticut, where he was born and educated.

The house, having been located on the mail route between Hartford and New London, was used during stage coach days as a tavern.

Because a new post office was to be erected on the site of the Welles House, it was moved from its original location to the rear of the site and in the fall of 1936, was completely remodeled and altered, (so that it is now Restored? in an excellent state of preservation.)

The land on which Samuel Welles built this house was purchased by his father, Governor Thomas Welles.

Source of Information: Colonial Names Series: "Old Houses of Connecticut"

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